

Minutes of the 27th SEIAA Meeting held on 13th January, 2010

The 27th meeting of the State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority was convened on 13th January, 2010 at 11.30 A M at the Authority's office in M.P. Pollution Control Building, Paryavaran Parisar, Bhopal chaired by Shri Subroto Banerji, Chairman SEIAA.

The following members attended the meeting:-

1. Shri M. Hashim, Member
2. Smt. Manoj Govil, Member Secretary

(A) Cases received from SEAC after reconsideration

1. M/s DLF Garden City Ltd, First Floor, Sayaji Plaza, MR-10, Vijay Nagar, Indore - M P, Construction of Integrated Township at village Sulakhedi and Mundla Bagh Teh. Sanwer, Distt. Indore M.P. **Case No. 13/2008.**

It was decided in the 21st meeting of SEIAA to send the above case to SEAC for reconsideration on the ground to submit the details of number of units to be constructed in first three years, since the proponent has committed that the demand of water will be 225 KLD in first three year.

The project proponent has submitted details about number of units to be constructed during the first three years along with the demand of water for this period. It shows that the demand will be 225 KLD for this period.

SEIAA accepted the recommendation of SEAC and decided to accord the prior environmental clearance to the proponent on the condition that the demand of water will be kept below 225 KLD, for the first three year. The proponent has to obtain a fresh prior environmental clearance after three years stating the water demand on that date and a firm assurance from the Municipal Authority to supply the required water to the project proponent.

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2. M/s Smt Gayatri Devi Bansal, Jaitwara-Satna-M.P, Gandhigram Ochre, Laterite and Iron ore mine, 9-47 ha. at Village Gandhigram, Talluka-Sihora, Jabalpur-M.P. **Case no. 97/2008.**

It was decided in the 21st SEIAA meeting to send the above case back to SEAC for reconsideration on the ground of submitting a fresh Forest Deptt. NOC stating the distance from the forest boundary.

The proponent submitted a Forest Deptt. NOC which was accepted by SEAC and again recommended the above case for prior environmental clearance. However the NOC does not indicate the distance of the mining lease from the protected areas under the Wild life Protection Act 1972.

Hence it was decided to write to DFO to ask for this information.

3. M/s Ghanshyam Das Mahawar, Distt-Katni-M.P., Fireclay, Laterite & silica's and mine 8.00 hact.at vill-Pindari, Teh-Dhimarkhera, Distt- Katni M.P. **Case No.184/2008**

The SEIAA in its 23rd meeting decided to send the above case back to SEAC for reconsideration to verify the present mining lease status. The project proponent has submitted a reply mentioning that as per section 24(A) 6 of the Mineral Act the application has been made for the renewal of the lease, and has stated that the matter is under consideration of the State Govt. Till then it shall be under deemed renewal.

The SEIAA after scrutinizing the documents submitted by the proponent decided to verify the status of the lease from Distt. Mining Officer.

4. M/s Shrijee Minerals, Jabalpur-M.P., Laterite, ochre & white clay mine 18.66 hact. at vill- Dundi, Teh- Sihora, Distt- Jabalpur M.P. **Case No.186/2008**

The SEIAA in its 23rd meeting decided to send the above case back to SEAC for reconsideration, since the distance from the forest boundary was not mentioned in the Forest Deptt. NOC. The project proponent submitted a fresh NOC from SDO, Forest stating that the mining lease area is at 860 m from forest boundary. SEAC recommended the case for prior environmental clearance.

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SEIAA while scrutinizing the documents found that the fresh NOC has been issued by SDO, Forest and not by DFO, Forest Deptt. Hence it was decided that a fresh NOC may be obtained from DFO, Forest indicating the distance of mining lease area from the protected areas under the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972 before taking a final decision in the matter.

(B) Cases received from the District Collector after his opinion regarding public hearing

1. M/s Chhindwara mines Pvt Ltd, 11/1, Sarvepriy Vihar, New Delhi, Manganese Ore mine 8.776 ha. Vill-Gowani-Wadona, Teh-Sausar, Distt-Chhindwara M.P. Case No.127/2008.

It was decided to send the above case to the Distt. Collector since the comments of the project proponent was not recorded in the public hearing report. A reply from the Addll. Collector, Chhindwara has been received.

SEIAA was of the view that a fresh Forest Deptt. NOC may be obtained directly from DFO stating the distance of mining lease area from the protected areas under the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972 before taking a final decision in the above case.

(C) Cases recommended by SEAC for Environmental Clearance

1. M/s Sisodia Khanij Udog-Bhatta, Mohalla, Katni M.P., Limestone & Dolomite mine 11.02 ha. Katni -M.P. **Case no 62/2008.**

The above case was recommended by SEAC for prior environmental clearance.

SEIAA while scrutinizing the documents found that the distance of mining lease from the forest boundary has not been mentioned. Hence it was decided to send the case back to SEAC for reconsideration on the above ground.

The project proponent may be asked to submit a fresh original/attested copy of the Forest Deptt. NOC mentioning the Khasra nos. and the distance of mining lease area from the forest boundary and from the protected areas under Wildlife Protection Act, 1972.

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2. M/s Krishnadas Tikaram, Civil line, Katni, M.P., Beerpur Bauxite and fireclay mine 6.03 ha. at Beerpur Teh-Rampur Naikin, Distt-Sidhi **Case no. 132/2008.**

The above case was recommended by SEAC for prior environmental clearance. The Forest Deptt. NOC submitted by the project proponent does not state the distance of mining lease area from the protected areas under the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972. Hence it was decided to write to DFO to ask for the above information.

3. M/s Virendra Singh & Sons , Satyandra Bhawan, Bhatta Mohalla, Katni M.P. Limestone & dolomite mine 17.44 village-Bhatgaon, Katni -M.P. **Case No.75/2008**

The above case was recommended by SEAC for prior environmental clearance.

SEIAA while scrutinizing the documents found that the distance of mining lease from the forest boundary has not been mentioned. Hence it was decided to send the case back to SEAC for reconsideration on the above ground.

The project proponent may be asked to submit a fresh original/attested copy of the Forest Deptt. NOC mentioning the Khasra nos. the distance of mining lease area from forest boundary and from the protected areas under Wildlife Protection Act, 1972.

4. Maqbool Hussain Stone Slab supply Co. Model ground, Hamidia Road, Bhopal M.P., Kanpohra flag stone quarry 44.265 hact. village- Kanpohra, Teh. Riasen, Distt- Raisen M.P. **Case No.254/2008**

The above case has been recommended by SEAC for the prior environmental clearance. SEIAA while scrutinizing the documents found that the mining lease area is adjoining the forest area. The Forest Deptt. NOC has been issued by the DFO while as per the prevailing norms the NOC is to be issued by a high level committee headed by the Principal Secretary, Forest Deptt.

Hence SEIAA decided to reject the case.

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5. Sangeeta minerals, 72, Aditya Avenue Building, Zone –II, M.P. Nagar, Bhopal, Bauxite, Laterite and clay mine 5.22 ha. at Vill-Rosra, Teh-Majholi, Distt-Jabalpur- M.P. **Case No.181/2008**

The above case was recommended by SEAC for the prior environmental clearance. SEIAA while scrutinizing the documents found that the Forest Deptt. NOC was earlier issued to Mr. Shyam Chourasia. The same NOC is submitted by the project proponent stating that Forest NOC is issued for the area under consideration and not to an individual. It seem that either there are other people holding the land under same Khasra no.49 or that this Khasra number has been bought by the firm M/s Sangeeta minerals from some one else.

Hence SEIAA decided to send the case back to SEAC for reconsideration. The project proponent may be asked to furnish a latest NOC from Forest Deptt. stating information on all the points mentioned at (D) 1 below.

(D) Other points discussed

With the permission of the chair following points were discussed.

1. It was observed by the Authority that in many mining cases the Forest Deptt. NOC is not issued by the competent authority or does not indicate the distance of forest boundary from the mining lease area.

Hence it was decided that SEAC may be advised to check following points in the Forest Deptt NOC before sending its recommendation to the Authority.

- a. The Forest Deptt. NOC should be a latest NOC issued by the competent authority.
- b. It should be submitted either in original or as an attested copy.
- c. It should clearly state the mining lease area stating name of village, Tehsil, Distt., Khasra no. and Khasra sub divisions etc.
- d. It should clearly state the distnace of mining lease area from the forest boundary.
- e. It should also indicate the distance of mining lease area from the protected areas under Wildlife Protection Act, 1972.
- f. The SEAC may also be advise to check the distance of the project area (mining lease /building plot/industry etc.) from the inter state boundary. If the distnce is less than 10 km then the project will be treated as `A' category project and will need clearance from MOEF.

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2. Case No. 297/2009

Shri B V Reddy Director, Betul Non-Conventional, Energy Pvt Ltd, E-6/63, Arera colony, Near Sibaba Hoarding, Bhopal-M.P, 10 MW Biomass based power plant, Mandavi Near Sehra, Atner Road, Betul-M.P.

The project proponent of the above case requested to give him exemption from prior environmental clearance as per the amendment issued by MoEF on 1st December 2009 in the EIA notification 2006, since it is a case of bio-mass based project having a production capacity of less than 15 MW and not using auxiliary fuel more than 15%.

It was decided by the Authority to refer the matter to SEAC for their opinion.

3. The minutes of the 42nd & 43rd SEAC meeting were placed before the Authority. The SEAC has mentioned in the minutes that the quantum of work is increasing day by day and it is very difficult to send draft EC letter to the Authority along with the recommendation with the available staff and facility.

Authority decided to appoint on contract basis, Project Fellows (one each) for SEAC and SEIAA for their day to day work within the budget and as per rules. In addition to this a computer may be provided to SEAC.

Meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the chair.

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